THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No time schedule could be drawn for allotment of land to Cooperative Group Housing Societies due to non-availability of adequate land.

(b)and (c) Intimations would be sent in about two months time to about 400 eligible societies waiting for allotment of land.

Decrease in the quota of rice to Orissa

497. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVII SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have reduced rice allotment of Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the monthly requirement of rice in Orissa and the allotments made in the years 1988 and 1989; and

(d) whether the actual supply is less than the allotment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). A statement giving the required information is attached.

Statement

Demand Allotment and Offtake of Rice for P.D.S in respect of Orissa during the year 1988 and 1989.

(In '000 tonnes)

Month	Demand	Allotment	Offtake
1	2	3	4
1988			
January	40.0	30.0	22.1
February	40.0	20.0	21.7
March	40.0	20.0	24.3
April	40.0	20.0	18.5
May	40.0	25.0	18.9
June	50.0	25.0	23.2
July	50.0	30.0	29.1
August	50.0	30.0	29.9
September	50.0	35.0	27.9
October	30.0	30.0	21.2
November	30.0	30.0	15.2
December	30.0	30.0	21.8
Total	490.0	325.0	273.8
1989			
January	30.0	30.0	15.7
February	30.0	24.0	6.5
March	30.0	24.0	16.9
April	24.0	24.0	13.1
May	30.0	24.0	20.1

1	2	3	4
June	30.0	26.5*	23.8
July	40.0	24.0	16.6
August	40.0	24.0	19.9
September	40.0	24.0	13.7
October	40.0	24.0	9.9
November	40.0	40.0	9.7
December	25.0	24.0	10.7
Total	399.0	312.5	176.6

*Includes 2,500 tonnes for cyclone relief.

Land Tribunals

498. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Land Tribunals for varifying and correcting land records through spot visits, in respect of land allotted to scheduled caste people; and

(b) whether any directives are being issued to the Chief Minister to set up such tribunals in their respective States and whether Government propose to bring forward a legislation to ensure scrutiny or land holdings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) and (b) Prime Minister has recently addressed a letter to the Chief Minister of the State Governments and UTs suggesting that Land Tribunals be set up consisting of revenue officials and non-official representatives drawn mainly from SCs, STs and other landless poor to deal with all matters relating to land and its distribution to the poor.

Land is a State subject and it is for the State Governments to enact necessary legislation for this purpose.

Central draft on land reforms to states

499. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have recently circulated the draft on land reform measures to State Governments;

(b) if so, the main features of the draft; and

(c) what is the reaction of State Governments thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) The Central Government recently circulated agenda notes containing proposals for changes in agrarian laws for effective implementation of land reforms and for prevention of alienation of tribal land to the State Government for the Chief Ministers Conference held on 11-12 June, 1990.

(b) The proposals, among others, included measures for elimination of absentee landownership, recording of concealed tenancies, plugging of loopholes in ceiling laws, strengthening legal provisions for protection of tribal land against alienation, etc.

(c) The consensus in the Chief Ministers Conference was not to undertake further